pertain to Saurashtra-Kutch region of the state for which loan assistance of Rs. 88.84 crores has been sanctioned for construction of 27035 dwelling units. Out of these 134 schemes, 92 schemes have since been completed. Details of these schemes are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) No urban housing scheme pertaining to Saurashtra-Kutch Region is pending with HUDCO.

Statement

Details of Urban Housing Schemes sanctioned by HUDCO for Kutch and Saurashtra region

Sl. No.	Name of District/ City	No. of Schemes	Project Cost	Loan Amount (Rs. in Crores)	Dwelling Units	Schemes Completed
1.	Junagadh	13	9.91	6.98	2,498	10
2.	Jam Nagar	24	35.65	21.10	4,641	17
3.	Bhavnagar	42	35.83	25.26	7,861	27
4.	Rajkot	42	70.74	29.90	9,722	31
5.	Amreli	5	4.81	3.50	1,006	1
6.	Surendra Nagar	7	2.99	2.10	1,307	6
	Total*	134	159.93	88.84	27,035	92

*There is no urban scheme in Kutch district.

एल पी जी कनेक्शनों हेतु प्रावधान

*233. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश भर में रसोई गैस कनेक्शन हेतु प्रतीक्षारत व्यक्तियों की राज्य-वार अद्यतन संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने वर्ष 1996-97 में 40 लाख गैस कनेक्शन देने का वादा किया था;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस वादे को पूरा करेगी; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान कितने गैस कनेक्शन दिये जाने की संभावना है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी० आर० बालू): (क) 1.4.1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार तेल कंपनियों के डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों के यहां प्रतीक्षा सूची में दर्ज व्यक्तियों की संख्या लगभग 132.82 लाख है। राज्यवार ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है (नीचे देखिए)।

(ख) से (घ) पहले सरकार की योजना थी कि 1996-97 के दौरान 40 लाख नए एल पी जी कनेक्शन जारी करना साध्य होगा। परन्तु वर्ष के दौरान एल पी जी की उपलब्धता स्थिति और वर्तमान उपभोक्ताओं के कारण अनुमानित खपत की समीक्षा करने पर यह पाया गया है कि 1996-97 के दौरान जारी किए जाने वाले नए कनेक्शनों की संख्या केवल लगभग 20 लाख होगी।

विवरण

1.4.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार राज्यवार प्रतीक्षा सूची

राज्य	(आंकड़े लाख में)
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	10.14
अरूणाचल प्रदेश	0.16
असम	1.51
बिहार	3.72
गोआ	0.61
गुजरात	7.95
हरियाणा	4.68
हिमाचल प्रदेश	1.03
जम्मू और कश्मीर	1.36
कर्नाटक	6.55
केरल	5.86
मध्य प्रदेश	6.60
महाराष्ट्र	17.81
मणिपुर	0.05

राज्य	(आंकड़े लाख में)
मेघालय	0.07
मिजोरम	0.05
नागालैंड	0.04
उड़ीसा	1.26
पंजाब	7.02
राजस्थान	8.50
सिक्किम	0.02
तमिलनाडु	13.91
त्रिपुरा	0.32
उत्तर प्रदेश	14.87
पश्चिम बंगाल	9.35
संघ राज्य क्षेत्र	
अंडमान और निकोबार	0.12
चंडीगढ़	0.81
दादरा और नागर हवेली	0.01
दिल्ली	7.95
दमन और द्वीयू	0.02
लक्ष्यद्वीप	0.00
पांडिचेरी	0.46

Poverty alleviation schemes in the North-Eastern region

*234. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any poverty alleviation schemes are under implementation in the North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what has been the performance of these schemes during the last four years; and

(d) the manner in which these schemes have benefited the poor of the region?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRAN NAIDU): (a) to (d) The major poverty alleviation programmes/schemes being implemented by the Centre in all the States/ UTs including the states on North-Eastern region in rural areas of the country are (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and (iii) Employment Assurance Schemes (EAS).

Under IRDP, persons below the poverty line are provided subsidy and term credit through financial institutions to take up self-employment activities. The target group under the scheme covers small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and rural artisans. JRY and EAS are wage employment programmes aiming to provide additional gainful employment to the unemployed and under employed persons in the rural areas. The Employment Assurance Scheme is being implemented w.e.f. 2.10.93 in backward blocks. This scheme provides assured employment for 100 days of manual work to those persons of 18 years and below 60 years of age who are in need of employment and seeking it. Million Wells Scheme is another scheme that provide irrigation facilities through open wells to poor farmers.

The physical performance of these schemes during the last four year in North-Eastern states are given in Annexures I to III. [*See Appendix* 178 *Annexure No.* 28A].

Difficulties in Drawal of Pension

*236. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the retired Central Government employees are facing great difficulties in drawing their pension from nationalised banks in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh, and are not getting their DA amount/ arrears on time;

(b) whether Government have received any representations/complaints from the retired persons in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to issue any directions to the banks in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S. R. BALA-SUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) From time to time, the Government do receive representations from the retired pensioners and certain Pensioners' Associations regarding delays in payments of pensions from Public Sector Banks. There are standing instructions